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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated January 11, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks, beginning on page 7 of this paper.